

Minutes of Meeting | Education and Protection Sector Committee 25th of March 2020

The meeting was called to discuss the education and protection-specific preparedness and response to COVID-19 by the member organizations on the 25th of March 2020 via Skype. List of participants, and the agenda of the meeting are attached in the Annex 1 and 2. The agenda wise key discussions, decisions and action points are as below:

Key Discussions:

- a) Due to quarantine and the resultant loss of livelihood, stress and confinement – children and women are at an increased risk of abuse.
- b) Psychosocial support should be provided keeping in mind front-line workers, aanganwadi workers etc.
- c) Post-emergency, it is important to design the academic calendar and curriculum keeping in mind the trauma suffered by children, the loss of schooldays incurred, and in the long term, plan on increasing the DRR component in school curriculum.
- d) Teachers union should be mobilized to undertake needs assessment, capacity building and awareness generation. An app should be developed to undertake the needs assessment.
- a) It was suggested to convene Education and Protection Sector Committees separately with regards to the COVID-19 emergency.
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Key Decisions:

- b) A small task group comprising NCDHR and RTE Forum to regularly compile and share the various governmental (both Central and State Government) circulars/notifications/advisories/guidelines in COVID-19 response and preparedness.
- c) CARE India to lead the taskforce designing of a framework to monitor and advise the government on the continuance of education during the ongoing period of crisis. Other members group are invited to join the taskforce.
- d) Members to suggest initiatives that can be taken by Sphere India Secretariat.

Key Action Points:

- a) A multi-sectoral Advocacy/Advisory Note to be prepared, urging government to undertake a list of sector-specific actions. Member organizations are to send in their inputs to Sphere India Secretariat (Paritosh) by 5:00 pm, 27th of March 2020.
- b) Organizations are called upon member organizations to regularly share with NCDHR and RTE Forum the official documents with a brief covering note/position/summary.
- c) Member organizations are requested to fill the URS on the activities planned/undertaken by their organizations by 5:00 pm, 27th of March 2020, and then continue updating the same as new decisions are taken.
- d) UNICEF (Sole) to share the COVID-19-related communications collated with member organizations to take inspiration from and further disseminate.
- e) CARE India (Seema) to share the MHRD Advisory to State Governments suggesting for the distribution of Mid-Day Meals to children.

Annexure I: List of Participants

Registration for Sector Committee Meeting for Livelihood and Rehabilitation		
Sr. No.	Attendee	Organization
1.	Sanjay B.	World Vision India



2.	Rama	ChildFund India
3.	Aekta C.	ChildFund India
4.	Paulami	Terre Des Hommes
5.	Vandana	UNICEF India
6.	Sole	UNICEF India
7.	Seema	CARE India
8.	Geeta	CARE India
9.	Jose	Handicap International
10.	Lee	NCDHR
11.	Ambarish	RTE Forum
12.	Eilia	Sphere India
13.	Kennedy	Sphere India
14.	Paritosh	Sphere India

Annex 2.1 Agenda of the Meeting: Education

1. Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 of:
 - a. Member organizations
 - b. Government
2. Identify gaps in response and avenues for collaboration with Government
3. AOB

Annex 2.2 Agenda of the Meeting: Protection

1. Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 of:
 - a. Member organizations
 - b. Government
2. Identify gaps in response and avenues for collaboration with Government
3. Address government's response to violent outbreaks in view of COVID-19
4. AOB